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CONSTITUTION

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CONFEDERATE

— VETERANS.

Revised and Adopted at the Seventh Annual Reunion,
Dallas, Texas, April 22d to 25th, 1902.

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PREAMBLE.

Believing that a general Confederation of all constituted organizations of Sons of Confederate Veterans will assist in the accomplishment of the cherished purposes that each body is singly laboring to carry out, and to more firmly establish the ties which already exist between them and the United Confederate Veterans and Veteran Camps:

We, the representatives of the Camps, in convention assembled, at Richmond, Virginia, on this first day of July, 1896, do adopt, ordain and establish the following constitution:

(Revised and adopted at the Seventh Annual Re-union, held at Dallas, Tex., April 22-25, 1902.)

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

Sec. 1.—This Confederation of Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be known as the UNITED SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

Sec. 2.—The objects and purposes of this Organization shall be strictly "Historical and Benevolent." It will strive:

Sec. 3.—To unite in one general Confederation all Associations of Sons of Confederate Veterans, Soldiers, and Sailors, now in existence, or hereafter to be formed, and to aid and assist the United Confederate Veterans and all Veteran Camps.

Sec. 4.—To cultivate the ties of friendship that should exist among those whose ancestors have shared common dangers, sufferings and privations.

Sec. 5.—To encourage the writing by participants therein, of accounts, narratives, memoirs, histories of battles, episodes and occurrences of the war between the States.

Sec. 6.—To gather authentic data, statistics, documents, reports, plans, maps and other material for an impartial history of the Confederate side; to collect and preserve relics and mementoes of the war; to make and perpetuate a record of the service of every member of the United Confederate Veterans, and all other living Confederate Veterans, and, as far as possible, of those of their comrades who have preceded them into eternity.

Sec. 7.—To see that the disabled are cared for; that a helping hand is extended to the needy, and that needy Confederate Veterans' widows and orphans are protected and assisted.

Sec. 8.—To urge and aid the erection of enduring monuments to our great leaders and heroic soldiers, sailors, and people, and to mark with suitable headstones the graves of Confederate dead wherever found.

Sec. 9.—To instill into our descendants a proper veneration for the spirit and the glory of our fathers, and to bring them into association with our Confederation, that they may aid us in accomplishing our objects and purposes, and finally succeed us and take up our work where we may leave it.

ARTICLE III.

ORGANIZATION.

Sec. 10.—The several constituted bodies of this Confederation shall be as follows:

First.—Of organizations, known as Camps; each Camp to have a name, and be assigned a number in the order in which it is admitted into this Confederation.

Second.—Of sub-divisions of States to be known as Brigades.

Third.—Of State Organizations to be known as Divisions.

Fourth.—Of Organizations of States to be known as Departments.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 11.—All male descendants of those who served in the Confederate Army or Navy to the end of the war, or who died in prison or while in actual service, or who were killed in battle, or who were honorably retired or discharged, shall be eligible for membership in the Camps of this Confederation, provided no member under sixteen years of age shall have the right to vote. Provided no member shall be admitted under twelve years of age.

Sec. 12.—Every Camp shall exact satisfactory proof of the above from each applicant, and secure a certified copy of the ancestor's record on a suitable blank, for preservation.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS—ELECTION—TERM OF OFFICE.

Sec. 13.—The officers of this Confederation shall be one (1) Commander-in-Chief, its Supreme Executive head; three (3) Department Commanders, who shall command and be executive heads of the Departments; Division Commanders, who shall command and be executive heads of the Divisions; Brigade Commanders, who shall be in charge of Brigades.

Sec. 14.—The Commander-in-Chief and Department Commanders shall be elected by the delegates at the Re-union of the Confederation, a majority of the votes cast to elect.

Sec. 15.—The Division Commanders and Brigade Commanders shall be elected by the delegates from the Camps within their respective commands, at a convention held at such time and place, and under the supervision of such of-

fficers as the Department Commander within which the State or Territory is located may direct; provided, however, that when a Division or Brigade has been once organized its elections shall be held in such manner, and at such time and place as has been determined at its last Annual Convention by its delegates.

Sec. 16.—In case a Division which has elected a Division Commander shall fail to hold an annual reunion, or to elect a successor in case the reunion is held, a vacancy shall be deemed to exist which may be filled in like manner as other vacancies.

Sec. 17.—General, Department, Division, and Brigade Officers shall be elected by ballot, and shall assume command at the close of the convention at which they were elected. The retiring officer shall remain in command until every function of that reunion is discharged.

Sec. 18. All officers shall be elected or appointed for one year, and until their successors assume command.

Sec. 19.—Vacancies occurring among officers shall be filled until the next Annual Re-union, by the Commander-in-Chief, upon the recommendation of the Division or Department in which it occurs.

Sec. 20.—Each Commander-in-Chief who has served a full term and does not continue to hold the office shall have the title of Past Commander-in-Chief, shall be a member, ex-officio, of all Annual Re-unions, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of a full member thereof, and shall take rank in the parade and in all other respects next to the Commander-in-Chief. He shall be entitled to wear the uniform of a Commander-in-Chief, with the additions of the letter "P" before the wreaths and the letter "C" after them. Those who shall not have served a full term may have these privileges conferred on them by motion, receiving four-fifths of the votes cast at any General Re-union.

STAFF OFFICERS.

Sec. 21.—Staff Officers shall be appointed by the different Commanders to serve during such Commanders' office or pleasure. No Staff Officers shall be at the same time a Staff Officer of a Brigade or Division or hold two Staff Offices.

Sec. 22.—The Staff of the Commander-in-Chief shall be as follows: One Adjutant-General, Chief of Staff, one Inspector-General, one Quartermaster-General, one Commissary-General, one Judge-Advocate-General, one Surgeon-General, one Chaplain-General, and such assistants and aides as in his judgment may be necessary.

Sec. 23.—Department Staff.—Department Commanders shall be allowed the same regular Staff as the Commander-in-Chief, and such assistants and aides as they may deem necessary, but they shall be known as Department Adjutant, Department Inspector, Department Quartermaster, Department Commissary, etc., etc.

Sec. 24.—Division Staff.—Division Commanders shall be allowed the same regular Staff as the Department Commander, but they shall be known as Division Adjutant, Division Inspector, etc., etc.

Sec. 25.—Brigade Staff.—Brigade Commanders shall be allowed one Brigade Adjutant, one Brigade Inspector, and one Brigade Quartermaster as their Staff.

Sec. 26.—No one can be elected or appointed an officer of this Confederation, or its Subordinate Departments, Divisions or Brigades, or their Staff, unless he be a member of one of its Camps.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS—COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Sec. 27.—The Commander-in-Chief shall be the head of this Confederation, and shall enforce its Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and the will of its Annual Re-union, and

to this effect he may issue all necessary orders. He shall preside over the Annual Re-union of the UNITED SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, and shall decide all questions of law, order or usage. He shall be empowered to act for the good of the Confederation, as circumstances, in his judgment, may require, in cases not provided for by this Constitution; subject in all such decisions and acts to appeal to the Annual Reunion. Immediately after entering upon his office, he shall appoint his Staff and all other General Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for, and may remove these Officers and Committees at his pleasure. During the interim between Re-unions he shall have full charge of the conduct of the affairs of the Confederation, amenable in all cases to the next Re-union.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Sec. 28.—The Department Commanders shall command Departments. They shall assist the Commander-in-Chief by counsel or otherwise, and in his absence or disability they shall fill his office according to seniority in office. They shall encourage the enrollment into Camps of all Sons of Veterans of the Confederacy, in their Departments; supervise the work of their Divisions, and see to the enforcement of all orders from General Headquarters; and send annual reports to the Commander-in-Chief one month before the Annual Re-union. They shall appoint their Staff immediately after entering upon their office.

DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Sec. 29.—Division Commanders shall command Divisions, each State and Territory forming but one Division. They shall apply themselves to fully organize their States or Territories into Camps; they shall be careful to have all the requirements of the Constitution strictly complied with in the formation of Camps, and be intermediary in their relations with General and Department Headquarters, and see to the execution of all orders received therefrom; as-

sist the Department Commanders by counsel or otherwise, and in their absence or disability fill their office until the next Annual Re-union, according to seniority in office. They shall appoint their Staff immediately after entering upon the duties of their offices.

BRIGADE COMMANDERS.

Sec. 30.—Brigade Commanders shall command the Brigades, into which it may be found necessary to divide a Division. They shall be under the Division Commander and assist him in organizing the Division; see to the execution of all orders received through him according to seniority in office. They shall be intermediary between the Division Commander and the Camps of their Brigades, and vice versa. They shall appoint their Staff immediately after entering upon the duties of their office, and shall be allowed as many Aides as they may deem necessary to facilitate the formation of Camps in their territory.

STAFF OFFICERS.

Sec. 31.—The Adjutant-General shall be Chief of Staff of the Commander-in-Chief. He shall keep correct records of the proceedings of the General Headquarters, and the Annual Re-unions; a roster of the Department, Division, Brigades and Camp Officers, and a roll of the Camps; conduct the correspondence of the Confederation and issue the necessary orders under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief; be the keeper of the seal of the Confederation, and issue under it all certificates of membership commissions and documents; draw requisitions for funds on the Quartermaster-General, to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief, and perform such other duties, and keep such other books and records as the Commander-in-Chief may require.

He shall make an annual report to the Commander-in-Chief, showing the work performed by his office and the conditions of the Confederation.

Sec. 32.—The Quartermaster-General shall hold the funds and vouchers of the Confederation; pay all warrants drawn on him by the Adjutant-General, and approved by the Commander-in-Chief; have charge of all arrangements and expenses for accommodation of General Headquarters at the Annual Re-unions; and facilitate the transportation by railroads of delegates to the meetings of the Confederation.

Sec. 33.—The Inspector-General shall prescribe the form of blanks to be used for the inspection of Camps, and, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, give such special instructions as may be deemed necessary; prepare an abstract of the reports received from Departments for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, and present a report to the Annual Re-union. He shall have charge of all investigations ordered for infractions of the Constitution by the Camps, or for conduct of any Camp or individual referred to him by the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 34.—The Surgeon-General shall perform the duties properly appertaining to his office, and present at the Annual Re-union a report or paper on matters relating to the medical and surgical branch of the Confederate Service.

Sec. 35.—The Commissary-General shall attend to any duties the Commander-in-Chief may impose upon him, and he shall, at the Annual Re-union, present a written report or paper on matters relating to the commissariat of the Confederate Army.

Sec. 36.—The Chaplain-General shall open and close with prayer the Annual Re-unions and other meetings, and perform such duties in connection with his office as the Commander-in-Chief may require. He shall present at the Annual Re-union a written report or paper upon the matters relating to this branch of the Confederate Service.

Sec. 37.—The Judge-Advocate-General shall perform the duties appertaining to that office, and give all legal advice that may be required of him by the Commander-in-Chief. He shall present at the Annual Re-union a report and pa-

per on the history of his department of the Confederate Service.

SUBORDINATE STAFFS.

Sec. 38.—The Subordinate Staffs shall perform in their respective spheres the duties of their offices, in conformity with the regulations imposed on the General Staff, as far as they can be applied.

ARTICLE VII.

CAMPS.

Sec. 39.—Camps may be formed with not less than ten (10) charter members.

Sec. 40.—Applications by Camps for membership in the Confederation shall be made to the Commander-in-Chief, upon blanks furnished by the General Headquarters.

Sec. 41.—When the Constitution and Roll of Members of the applying Camp have been examined and found to be correct, and when the application is accompanied by the membership fee and the per capita tax, the Camp shall be admitted, and a certificate of membership issued to it, signed by the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-General.

Sec. 42.—Provided, also, that Camps may be formed with fewer than ten members, but not less than five (5) members, in remote and sparsely settled localities, or in places outside of the former Confederate States, and admitted into the Confederation, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, upon proper application and recommendation of subordinate officers, and after compliance with all other requisites of membership, and after such other investigation into the circumstances of this reduced membership as the Commander-in-Chief may deem fit to institute through the Inspector-General; but no more Camps will be allowed in the same locality until the one thus admitted has attained the number of twenty members.

Sec. 43.—All Camps will be permitted to retain their local and State organizations, and beyond the requirements of this Constitution, they shall have full enjoyment of the right to govern themselves; provided, they shall always be subject to this Constitution and Amendments thereof. Camps are referred to the annexed form for guidance in adopting a suitable Constitution.

Sec. 44.—Camp Officers shall have their duties defined by the Constitution of the Camps that create them, provided the duties so defined be not in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

DEPARTMENTS AND DIVISIONS.

Sec. 45.—The Camps shall be organized by Departments, Divisions and Brigades.

Sec. 46.—There shall be three Departments, to be called:

Army of Northern Virginia Department, Army of Tennessee Department, Trans-Mississippi Department.

Sec. 47.—The Army of Northern Virginia Department shall include and be formed of the States of Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North and South Carolina and Kentucky.

Sec. 48.—The Army of Tennessee Department shall include and be formed of the States of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida.

Sec. 49.—The Trans-Mississippi Department shall include and be formed of the States of Arkansas, Texas and Missouri, and the Indian Territory.

Sec. 50.—Divisions and Camps not hereinbefore mentioned shall be a part of and under the control of Departments, as follows: Those located east of the State of Ohio and north of the State of Virginia, of the Army of Northern Virginia Department; those located west of the Mississippi River, of the Trans-Mississippi Department, and all others of the Army of Tennessee Department.

Sec. 51.—Each and every State and Territory having within its boundaries five (5) or more Camps regularly organized and chartered, shall constitute a Division, and no State or Territory shall have more than one Division within its boundaries.

Sec. 52.—Camps in States or Territories where there are less than five (5) Camps, shall report directly to the Department Commander, upon whose recommendation such Camps may be formed into a Division by the Commander-in-Chief appointing a Division Commander, until they attain the required number of Camps to entitle them to organize themselves.

Sec. 53.—Each Division shall be sub-divided by counties, or other convenient sub-divisions, into as many Brigades as shall be deemed advisable by the Division Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 54.—There shall be held annually a Re-union of the Confederation at the same time and place as the “United Confederate Veterans.” Each Division shall likewise have an Annual Re-union.

Sec. 55.—The Commander-in-Chief, at the request of a majority of the Camps, shall convene the Confederation in special meeting, and may do so upon his own motion if he deems the emergency sufficient. Special meetings of Divisions shall likewise be called by the Division Commander at the request of a majority of the Camps of their Divisions or in any emergency which he may deem sufficient.

Sec. 56.—At all meetings delegates shall address each other as “Comrades.”

Sec. 57.—The Annual Convention or Re-union shall be called to order by the Commander of the Camp where the meeting is held. After prayer, by the Chaplain-General

(or in his absence the ranking chaplain), and the address of welcome, it shall be turned over to the commanding officers in turn to the Commander-in-Chief, who will take charge of the Re-union, and instruct the Adjutant-General to call the roll of General Officers of the Confederation, and of its Camps in numerical order. As the Camps are called, the chairman of each delegation will answer and hand to the Adjutant-General the credentials of his delegation.

The Commander-in-Chief shall then appoint a Committee on Credentials, to whom shall be referred all the credentials of delegates. This committee shall verify these by report of Adjutant-General; arrange the roll of the Convention and assign each Camp its number of votes. This report shall be signed by the committee and handed to the Commander-in-Chief. After the approval of this the meeting shall proceed to business on the basis fixed therein.

Sec. 58.—Every comrade in this Confederation in good standing, and every Confederate Veteran in good standing, will be privileged to attend the meetings of any organization belonging to the UNITED SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, and receive that fraternal consideration they are designed to foster.

ARTICLE X.

REPRESENTATION—DELEGATES, PROXIES, VOTING.

Sec. 59.—The representation of the various Camps at the Annual Re-union, General, Department, Division and Brigade, shall be by delegates as follows: one delegate for every ten (10) active members in good standing in the Camp, and one additional for a fraction thereof of five (5) or more; provided, that every Camp in good standing shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates. All delegates must have credentials signed by the Commandant and Adjutant of their respective Camps, attached to which shall be the certificate issued by the Adjutant-General, in accordance with Section 60, or they can not be recognized; provided, Divisions may fix their internal representation.

Sec. 60.—The Adjutant-General shall send out blank muster rolls to the various Camps at least sixty days before the Annual Re-union. These blanks shall be filled out by the Adjutant of each Camp and certified to, as the correct roll of the Camp, and returned to the Adjutant-General before the first day of the month next preceding the Annual Re-union. Upon this certified roll will be computed the Camp's representation at the Annual Re-union, and a certificate issued to the Camp, signed by the Adjutant-General, certifying to the number of votes to which it is entitled, if the dues have been paid in full.

Sec. 61.—On enumerating active members of Camps for representation, none shall be counted who are already thus enumerated in another Camp of the Confederation. Membership in more than one Camp is not forbidden, but no comrade shall be borne on the rolls of more than one Camp for the purpose of enumeration and representation. When a comrade is a member of more than one Camp, he shall elect in which one he will be enrolled for representation.

Sec. 62.—The Commander-in-Chief, Department, Division, and Brigade Commanders and their Adjutants, shall be ex-officio members of the Annual Re-unions.

Sec. 63.—Camps will not be allowed representation unless their per capita tax shall have been paid the Adjutant-General, in full, as required by this Constitution. (Sections 60, 63, 83 and 102.)

Sec. 64.—No representation by proxies or members of other Camps shall be allowed at any meetings of this Confederation, or its sub-divisions.

ARTICLE XI.

VOTING.

Sec. 65.—In all questions submitted to the meeting, the Chair shall put the question for a viva voce vote. If the roll of Camps shall be called for, then the Camps shall be

called in order, the number of votes each is entitled to stated, and the vote for and against the motion announced by the chairman of each delegation.

Sec. 66.—Balloting shall be by Camps; the chairman of the delegation depositing the written ballots for the Camp, where written ballots are required. In balloting for officers, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. Officers may be voted for viva voce, unless twenty-five votes or one-third of the votes present demand a written ballot.

Sec. 67.—Each Department and Division shall have two votes in all cases. Said votes may be cast by the respective Commanders, if present, if not, by the oldest Camp in the Department, or Division (as the case may be), having a delegate present. Past Commanders-in-Chief shall have one vote each in all cases.

Sec. 68.—When there is but one candidate for an office, upon motion, and by unanimous consent, a formal ballot can be dispensed with, and the candidate be elected by acclamation.

Sec. 69.—The ayes and nays may be required and entered upon record at the call of any three delegates from different Camps.

ARTICLE XII.

UNIFORM, SEAL, BADGES, MEMORIAL DAY, ETC.

Sec. 70.—The following uniform is hereby adopted for this Confederation: The same uniform, insignia, trappings, etc., as have been adopted by the United Confederate Veterans, with the following exceptions and additions, to-wit: For all members (officers and privates), shoulder-straps (one on each shoulder) of white wool cloth, with gold border, and the letters "U. S. C. V." in the center; lettering, wherever it may occur on the uniform (including buttons and trappings) "U. S. C. V." instead of "U. C. V.;" and hat the same as that used by the U. C. V., or a grey Confederate cap, at

the option of the Camp, or wearer; for Department Commanders, cuffs and collars faced with buff; and for the Commander-in-Chief the same uniform as that prescribed for Department Commanders, except without facing on cuffs or collar.

For a full description of the uniform, etc., adopted by the United Confederate Veterans reference is made to the annexed appendix, which is hereby made a part hereof.

Sec. 71.—The Seal of this Confederation shall be a medal of the same dimensions as that of the "United Confederate Veterans," reproducing the great seal of the Confederate States of America, bearing "UNITED SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, Richmond, Va., July 1, 1896," inscribed between the wreath and margin; it shall be kept in the custody of the Adjutant-General.

Sec. 72.—The Badge of the "UNITED SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS" shall be a circular medallion three-quarters of an inch in diameter; the rim a white enamel band, one-eighth of an inch wide on face; the center field of gold and slightly depressed, containing in relief the two battle flags of the Confederacy crossed, and beneath these the date "1896"; the flags properly enameled in colors; the words, "United Sons of Confederate Veterans," to appear upon the rim in gold letters in the order shown, and arranged in four equal divisions, formed by four "buckles" or ornaments of blue enamel. The badge may be worn pendant by means of a red and white ribbon, attached to a bar, bearing the name and number of the Camp. They shall be ordered through the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 73.—A neat, inexpensive button, bearing a representation of the foregoing, may be provided by the Commander-in-Chief and furnished to the members at as low a price as possible.

Sec. 74.—This Confederation shall religiously observe the celebration of Memorial Day, which Memorial Day shall be

the same as that prescribed by the respective Divisions of the "United Confederate Veterans," and the Veteran Camps.

Sec. 75.—A newspaper or other journal may be established or adopted, to be conducted wholly or mainly in the interest of this Confederation.

ARTICLE XIII.

SPECIAL POWERS.

Sec. 76.—This Confederation shall have power to make and adopt such articles of organization, rules and regulations as its members may deem proper, and to alter, amend and repeal the same, as they may see fit; provided, that such articles, rules, regulations and by-laws shall not be repugnant to this Constitution, or to the Constitution of the United States.

Sec. 77.—It shall issue commissions to all its officers, General, Department, Division, Brigade, Camp and Staff; certificates of membership to Camps joining this Confederation, and to the individual members thereof. All such documents to be issued by the Adjutant-General, upon direction of the Commander-in-Chief, and shall be signed by these two officers and bear the seal of the Confederation. It shall levy an annual per capita tax upon its members; and regulate the collection of such income for the general treasury, its custody, and its disbursement.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROHIBITIONS.

Sec. 78.—No discussion of political or religious subjects, nor any political action, or endorsing of aspirants for political office, shall be permitted in any organization of the UNITED SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, or by the General Confederation.

Sec. 79.—No debts shall be contracted by this Confederation.

Sec. 80.—No assessment shall be levied upon its members other than the fees and per capita tax, which shall never exceed an adequate amount to meet the expense of its management.

Sec. 81.—The use of the seal, badges, or name of this Confederation, for business or advertising purposes, and the giving of its badges to persons unauthorized to wear it, are emphatically prohibited.

Sec. 82.—Military titles used in the Confederate Army or Navy shall not be given to or used by members or officers of this Confederation, by reason of their being such members or officers.

ARTICLE XV.

PENALTIES—SUSPENSION.

Sec. 83.—No Camp shall be permitted representation in any meeting of this Confederation until said Camp shall have paid the annual per capita tax and all other amounts due the Confederation by said Camp. Any Camp in arrears for its per capita tax six months after any Annual Re-union, shall have five (5) per cent. of the amount added to the same.

Sec. 84.—Suspension of a Camp shall not effect the membership in the UNITED SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS of comrades of such Camps, nor impair their tenure of office or eligibility as officers therein during such suspension. Prolonged suspension of a Camp may be declared at an Annual Re-union for an act detrimental to the objects and purposes of the Confederation, and shall lead to forfeiture of membership by the Camp.

Sec. 85.—Re-instatement from suspension will take effect immediately upon receipt by the Commander-in-Chief of evidence of the removal by the suspended Camp of its cause of suspension.

Sec. 86.—During the interim between Conventions the Commander-in-Chief shall have power to suspend any Camp

or officers, for conduct detrimental to the Confederation, upon proper proof. Said action to be reported to the next Convention for permanent sentence.

Sec. 87.—Forfeiture of membership shall be declared against any Camp allowing political or religious discussions or taking any such action.

Sec. 88.—Forfeiture of membership may also be declared against any Camp committing an act repugnant to this Constitution or detrimental to the objects and purposes of the Confederation; and against any Camp in arrears for one year's dues, which remain unpaid after written notice by the Adjutant-General.

Sec. 89.—Forfeiture of membership shall be declared by a two-thirds vote at an Annual Re-union after proper investigation of the charges, and only when they have been substantiated.

ARTICLE XVI.

PERMANENT ARCHIVES.

Sec. 90.—The Archives of the Confederation shall be permanently located at Richmond, Virginia. In it shall be kept all Confederate relics, books, histories, records, etc., which may be acquired by the Confederation. Copies of all orders, reports and official papers of the Confederation shall also be kept there. It shall be governed by a committee composed of one comrade from each Division, elected by the delegates at each Annual Re-union of the Confederation. The direct management shall be placed in an Executive Committee, composed of three (3) members of Camp R. E. Lee No. 1, of Richmond. The chairman to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, one elected by the Camp, and one appointed by the Virginia Division Commander.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMMITTEES.

Sec. 91.—There shall be four Standing Committees, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, to consist of one mem-

ber from each Division, and one to represent the Camps outside the former Confederate States. They shall be as follows:

Sec. 92. Historical Committee, that shall have charge of all matters relating to the literary and historical purposes of this Confederation.

Sec. 93.—Relief Committee, that shall have charge of all matters relating to relief, pensions, homes and other benevolent purposes of this Confederacy;

Sec. 94.—Monumental Committee, that shall have charge of all matters relating to monuments, graves and the Confederation's objects and purposes in these respects; and

Sec. 95.—Finance Committee, to verify accounts of officers, to fix the compensation of same when it becomes necessary, under the advice and approval of the Commander-in-Chief, and to attend to such other matters of finance as may be referred to it.

Sec. 96.—These Committees may sub-divide themselves for purposes of facilitating their labors, and shall keep a record of their meetings, make reports annually, or oftener, if required by the Commander-in-Chief, and shall turn over their records to the Adjutant-General at the expiration of their term of office.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Sec. 97.—Special Committees can be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief when a necessity arises, and shall be appointed by him when so ordered by the Annual Re-union.

Sec. 98.—All Committees shall meet when called by their chairman. Reports of committees shall be sent to the Commander-in-Chief one month before the Annual Re-union

ARTICLE XVIII.

FINANCES.

Sec. 99.—A charter fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be paid by each new Camp, which shall accompany its applica-

tion, and entitle the Camp, if admitted, upon the payment of one year's per capita tax, to a certificate of membership free from cost of postage.

Sec. 100.—A fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) shall be paid for each commission issued to officers, or certificates to individual members of Camps, and shall be remitted to General Headquarters, which fee shall include postage.

Sec. 101.—A yearly per capita tax of ten cents (10c) shall be paid by each Camp for every active member in good standing in such Camp, and not enumerated in any other Camp.

Sec. 102.—The fiscal year of this Confederation shall be from the end of one Annual Re-union to the end of the next Annual Re-union. All Camps shall be liable for the full year's per capita tax for the fiscal year in which they are organized, without regard to the time of organization and when chartered, shall remit the same in full. The per capita tax of Camps shall be paid annually, before the Annual Re-union, and shall be calculated upon the number of members shown by the annual muster roll.

Sec. 103.—The Commander-in-Chief shall fix the price for badges, books and blanks required and issued by the Confederation, which shall not exceed an amount sufficient to defray their cost and distribution.

Sec. 104.—All funds, from whatever source and for whatever purpose, shall be immediately paid over to the Quartermaster-General, who shall give bond therefor in a sum double in amount the total of funds received from all sources during the preceding fiscal year. He shall receive a salary sufficient to pay the cost of said bond only.

Sec. 105.—The per capita tax of ten cents may be apportioned out as follows: Nine cents (9c.) to General Headquarters and one cent (1c.) to the Department Headquarters from which it was paid.

Sec. 106.—Divisions may levy additional fees and per capita tax upon their Camps, for their own purposes, and to

meet their internal expenses; same to be paid to their Headquarters direct.

ARTICLE XIX.

HEADQUARTERS.

Sec. 107.—General Headquarters of this Confederation shall be the place of residence of its Commander-in-Chief. Department, Division and Brigade Headquarters shall be respectively the places of residence of the Commanders of each.

ARTICLE XX.

Sec. 108.—This Constitution shall only be altered or amended at an Annual Re-union by two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the votes cast. No amendment can be considered unless written notice thereof, with copy of proposed change, shall have been sent to each Camp at least three months in advance of the Annual Re-union. This may be sent by any member and shall be sent by the Adjutant-General upon timely request. Any Section herein may be suspended for the time being, at any Annual Re-union, by a unanimous vote of the vote cast, with exception of Section 108.

We, the undersigned Constitutional Committee, beg leave to submit the foregoing as our report in revision of the Constitution.

C. H. FAUNTLEROY, Chairman,
THOMAS E. POWE.

I differ from the Committee and disapprove of new Sections 11 and 12, Sec. 20, and Sec. 70.

EDWIN P. COX.

APPENDIX.

Information and design for uniform and dress of the United Confederate Veteran Association :

1. Uniform for Department and Division Commanders.— A dress coat with turn-down collar, same cut as that usually worn by our beloved commander, Gen. Robt. E. Lee, as shown in most of his pictures now extant, made from Cadet gray, shade of gray same as No. 1238, manufactured by Charlottesville Woolen Mills, Charlottesville, Va., which for the sake of uniformity in shade of cloth, is designated as the mill from which to buy the same.

The insignia of rank, the number and arrangement of buttons on coat to be same as that of like rank in Confederate States Army. Pants same cloth as coat.

2. The color of trimmings for uniforms of General Officers will be buff, same as used in the Confederate Army, which includes the Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, Commissary General, Engineer and Aide-de-Camp.

3. Medical Officers—black.
4. Artillery Officers—red.
5. Cavalry Officers—yellow.
6. Infantry Officers—light blue.

7. The buttons for general officers, and camps, same for all purposes—bright gilt, rounded edge, slightly convex with raised Confederate battle flag in the center, surrounded on the four sides with the letters U. C. V., and the figures 1861-

1865. Large size button—one inch in exterior diameter. Small size for coat sleeves—half inch.

8. For all officers a waist belt, not less than one and one-half inches nor more than two inches wide. Slings of same material as the belt, with hook attached upon which the sword may be hung.

9. For Department, Division and Brigade Commanders. Russian leather with three stripes of gold embroidery.

10. For all other officers, regardless of the arm of service, black leather stitched. Non-commissioned officers may wear same belt without slings.

11. For all Officers, General Staff and Camps, a belt plate, with a raised bright rim; a silver wreath of laurel encircling the letters C. S. A.

12. For all Camps, officers and men the same—a black cocked hat of military shape. Brim fastened up on the right side with wreath and letters, U. C. V. General officers and mounted Staff same hat with black plume.

13. LEGGINGS AND SPURS—For mounted officers, black duck of late military cut, with buff colored buckle strap fastenings. Spurs yellow metal or gilt.

14. Camps named in honor of favorite officers or privates may uniform for the same arm of service to which said comrade belonged. In this way intensify their esteem for those whose memory they seek to honor and perpetuate. Thus giving representation to the uniform of each arm of the service.

15. COLORS OF TRIMMINGS.—Infantry, Light Blue; Artillery, Red; Cavalry, Yellow.

16. The Camp uniform to be made from same shade of gray and grade of cloth as indicated for general officers and staff, viz.: No. 1238, Charlottesville Woolen Mills, Charlottesville, Va.

17. Coat to be a single breasted blouse, skirt extending to a line with the crotch, stand-up collar, cut no higher than

to permit the chin to turn freely over it and slope upward and backward at an angle of thirty degrees on each side; seven buttons in front and three on the sleeves, regulation size. The collar of coat to be trimmed with a small flat worsted braid (color to indicate the arm or service) about one-fourth of an inch wide at top and bottom on the outside. Cuffs to be trimmed with same material, broken around two and one-half inches from end on bottom side and sloping upward to a point four inches from end of sleeve.

18. Pants to be made from same shade and grade of cloth as indicated for coat, trimmed with a narrow stripe about one-half inch wide, placed along the outer seam of pant leg, of such color as to indicate the arm of service.

19. The same uniform for both camp officers and men, except the officers will wear their insignia of rank same as that worn in the Army of the Confederate States.

20. Camps may adopt a facing for trimming collars and cuffs instead of outlining with a worsted braid, using such color of cloth for facing as to indicate the arm of service, as said Camp may select.

21. Camps may leave off all trimming from uniform and use a small turn-over collar to coat, where the Camp, as an organization, elects to do so.

Department Commanders.—A dress coat with turn-down collar; edges piped with buff; two rows of buttons on breast, nine in each row, placed in threes. Distance between the rows, four inches at top and three inches at bottom. Three embroidered stars on each side of collar, the center star one and one-quarter inches, the others one inch each in diameter, all inclosed in embroidered wreath

Division Commanders.—Same as for Department Commanders, without the buff piping, but with four rows of gold braid on sleeves.

Brigade Commanders.—Dress coat same as provided for Brigadier General in the Confederate States Army; stand

up collar, buff cloth collar and cuffs, and edges piped with buff. Two rows of buttons on breast, eight in each row; placed in pairs; distance between rows, four inches at top and three inches at bottom. Insignia of rank, a wreath enclosing three embroidered stars of one inch each on each side of collar, and four rows of gold braid on the sleeves.

Staff Officers.—Same, except insignia number and arrangement of buttons, according to rank.

Colonel.—Two rows of buttons, seven in each, and three on the sleeves. Three embroidered stars of one inch each on collar, and three rows of gold braid on sleeves.

Lieutenant Colonel.—Same, except two stars.

Fatigue Uniform for Brigade and Division Commanders.

Blouse—Double breasted, edges piped with buff, turn-down collar, no facing on cuffs or collar, no braid on sleeves; two rows of buttons, placed by threes for Division Commanders, and by twos for Brigade Commanders. Embroidered insignia of rank on collar.

Fatigue Uniform for Staff Officers.—Regulation fatigue blouses for staff officers below the rank of Brigadier-General. single breasted, skirt extending to a line with the crotch; stand-up collar, seven regulation U. C. V. buttons in front and three on sleeves; cuffs and collar faced with buff (staff color), sleeves trimmed with fine gilt braid, and insignia on collar indicating staff rank.

Trousers without stripe. Adjutant Generals of the respective staffs may elect to use turn-down collar, and may leave off braid and facing in cuffs and collars. This, however, for the sake of uniformity should only be done when adopted for all of said staff organizations.

Camp Officers.—Commander, rank of Major—Single-breasted sack or blouse, stand-up collar with one star on each side, one inch each; one row of seven buttons on breast and three rows of braid on sleeves.

Lieutenant Commanders, Adjutant, Surgeon and Chap-

lains rank as Captains—Same, except three bars on each side of coat collar, and two rows of braid on sleeves.

Surgeons.—Black facings and gilt braid.

Chaplain, black braid on sleeves and cross on collar, in place of bars.

Assistant Surgeon, Officers of the Day and Treasurer rank as First Lieutenant—Same, except two bars on each side of coat collar and one row of braid on sleeves.

Sergeant Major rank as First Sergeant—Insignia, Sergeant Major's chevrons—three bars and an arc.

Vidette rank as First Sergeant—Insignia, Orderly Sergeant's chevrons—three bars and a lozenge.

Color Sergeants—Insignia, Color Sergeants' chevrons.

Two Color Guards—Insignia, Second Sergeants' chevrons.

(Note:—No provision being made herein for the following officers, it was ordered by Commander-in-Chief R. B. Haughton in General Order No. 7, February 15, 1902, that the following uniforms be adopted:

For Second Lieutenant Commander, same as First Lieutenant Commander.

For Quartermaster, same as Adjutant.

For Historian, same as Adjutant.)

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R. B. HAUGHTON,

Official:

Commander-in-Chief.

WILLIAM HORNER COCKE,

Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff.